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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on September 01, 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 46, 48-51, 55, 58 and 61-73 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 46, 48-51, 55, 58, 61-73 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Ex Parte Quayle

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:
2. Claims 72 and 73 do not clearly tie the “generating” step to the identifying step. For example, claim 46 recites “in response to the determination...” which ties the final search results to the determination step. It is advised that Applicant amend the limitation of "generating..." to "in response to the identifying...." to place the claims in better condition for allowance.
3. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: ***
4. .The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention individually or in combination the limitation of determining that a first document corresponding to the first search result and a second document corresponding to the second search result are query-specific duplicate documents from a comparison of one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more second query-relevant parts of the second document, where each query-relevant part includes at least one of the one or more keywords; and in response to the determination, not adding the second search result to the set of final search results, as set forth in claim 46, and similarly in claims 72 and 73.

CONCLUSION

5. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte *Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm’r Pat. 1935).
6. A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

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7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
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10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to C. Dune Ly, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0716. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.
11. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tim Vo, can be reached on (571) 272-3642.

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